

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

In a system storing data of pictures taken by a digital camera, data to be deleted is recorded on a recording medium before deleting the stored data, and the data is returned to
5 the customers in a state in which the customers can easily utilize and organize the data. An image database 12 for accumulating and storing photographic image data 100 is provided. The photographic image data 100 obtained by using digital cameras is received from the customers and stored in the image database
10 12 in a state where the customer can access the data. The photographic image data 100 accumulated and stored in the image database 12 is judged whether storage period thereof is terminated. Moreover, expired photographic image data 100 is recorded onto a recording medium by a storage recording device
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